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SUBJ: YOUTH ELECTIONS IN UCR PARTY IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE

- 1. THE LEFTIST ALFONSINISTA SECTOR OF THE RADICAL PARTY (UCR) WON OUT OVER THE OFFICIALIST SECTOR LED BY RICARDO BALBIN IN ELECTIONS HELD AMONG THE PARTYS YOUTH WING IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. WHILE THE VOTE TOTALS DID NOT DIFFER BY THAT MUCH, THE BASIS ON WHICH THE DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNING BODY WERE LECTED GAVE THE ALFONSINSTAS 14 DELEGATES TO 4 FOR THE BALBINISTAS AND 6 STILL IN DOUBT.
- 2. SOMEWHAT INEXPLICABLY THE PARTICIPATION RATE OF THE 100,000 YOUNG RADICALES ELIGIBLE T VOTE WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN TEN PERCENT. A RATE OF FIFTY PERCENT IS REGARDED AS NORMAL IN PAST ELECTIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS.
- 3. COMMENT: ALFONSIN'S VICTORY IN THESE YOUTH ELECTIONS WAS EXPECTED SINCE THIS IS AN AREA OF STRENGTH FOR HIM. THIS AND THE RECENT STRONG SHOWING OF THE ALFONSINISTAS IN THE UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS WILL PROBABLY NOT ALTER APPRECIABLY THE BALANCE IN THE UCR AS A WHOLE HOWEVER. ALFONSINS GROUP IS STILL LIKELY TO HAVE DIFFICULT TIME UNSEATING THE BALBIN GROUP FROM PARTY LEADERSHIP NEXT MAY, WHEN INTERNAL PARTY ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD.

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